

No Radical Changes Expected To Come In Baseball Meetings

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Camp Greenleaf Eleven Wins From Camp Dix In Easy Style

DON'T EXPECT GRIFF'LL WIN

Baseball Card For This Week

Monday—International League meets at New York.
Tuesday—National League meets at New York.
Thursday—American League meets at Chicago.
Friday—American Association meets at Minneapolis.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Unless Dan Johnson springs something radical, as has been foretold during the past few days, changes are not expected in the government of professional baseball as a result of the annual meetings scheduled for this week. Clark Griffith's proposition for the abolition of sales and trades is expected to die a sudden death, never emerging from its cubby hole.

The battle for one-man national commission, conducted wholly by Harry Frazee and Harry Hempstead, has failed miserably. When William Howard Taft emphatically stated that he "would not consider becoming a one-man head of baseball," the Frazee-Hempstead conflict against Dan Johnson stopped with great abruptness.

Dan Johnson now says that the same three-man national commission will continue, at least for another year.

Will Forget Suggestions.
Ever since the big leagues closed their gates in September suggestions have been pouring in upon the lords of the game, all seeking to "clean house" or "revive the game." And, judging from the present outlook, these suggestions will be forgotten by the magnates when they gather this week.

The cry for a shorter season is expected to be squelched, both major leagues adopting schedules calling for 154 games, as usual.

The cry to lower the player limit will not be heard. The American League will continue to allow twenty-five players between May 15 and September 15.

West Blacklist 'Em.
Save for individual magnates, Charlie Comiskey, for instance, no players now on the ineligible lists will be kept from playing ball. This applies to such as Joe Jackson, Claude Williams and "Happy" Felsch, who jumped the White Sox when the army draft approached.

The minor league players have been tipped off that their troubles will be cared for by the national commission at its big meeting next month. Therefore they are not expected to cause any stir this week.

The National League is to choose a president. Many names have been heard, with Alvin Karpis, John A. Heydler the most prominent and best known.

Harry Frazee's Case.
The American League will probably witness a hot fight behind closed doors between Harry Frazee, the Boston magnate, and President Johnson. They have been supping fire in each other's direction ever since last summer, when Johnson tried to close his league gates over night. But, unless they carry their scrap out into the cafe, the public will never know just what happened between Frazee and the American League way of doing business.

Conflicting statements have been heard recently in Frazee's case. He has been going to sell the Red Sox, going to buy the Giants, going to fight Johnson to the death and going to quit baseball forever. Frazee hates advertisement about as much as a ball player hates a strike.

Anyway, the big thing is that rumbling tomorrow with the meeting of the International League. They'll continue till the wind of the talkers gives out.

SOLDIERS' ELIGIBILITY SETTLED BY CONFERENCE

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Western conference officials have wiped the eligibility slate clean for returning soldiers. Faculty members voted to permit members in the service to resume college athletics at the point they left. The ruling will apply to those who participated in S. A. T. C. football. The wartime rule permitting freshmen to play was revoked.

WANT MORE TIME BEFORE DECIDING BOXER SANITY

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 8.—Physicians were given until next Friday to determine whether Al Wolcott, former lightweight champion of the world, is sane. Following a hearing before Superior Judge Henry the physicians said they were unable to reach a decision.

Wolcott, who was recently declared competent in the East, is contesting in the courts here to regain control of \$2500 in property at Venice, Cal.

BALTIMORE WILL WITNESS MARATHON RACE THIS WEEK

During the week the Baltimore Cross Country club will hold a ten-mile modified Marathon race as a part of the celebration of the Southern Commercial Congress, which will be in session at the city.

Younger, the hustling secretary and treasurer of the club, will be in charge of the race.

CARTOONIST-PITCHER NOW FREE AS WIDE, WIDE WORLD

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—"Steamer" Al Demaree, the Giants' famous cartoonist-pitcher, is now free as the wide, wide world. Indeed, it develops that he has been a free man ever since Labor Day, for on that day he was released outright by the Giants.

Demaree is thirty-five years old and has been playing baseball for many years. He first came to the Giants in 1912 from Mobile in the Southern Association. In the winter of 1914-15 he was traded to Philadelphia for Hans Lohr. After two years he was traded to Chicago for Jimmy Lavender, later returning to the Giants.

UMPIRE CRAVEN DIES.

Patrick Craven, who umpired for several years in the old Tri-State League, has been killed in action while serving with the Pennsylvania Division in France.

Here's the Staunton Military Academy 1918 Eleven



COAST STARS DIE ON BATTLEFIELDS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—Two well known gridiron stars from the Pacific coast have died of wounds in France and two others are in hospitals recovering from wounds, according to word received here.

The two reported to have made the supreme sacrifice are Capt. Lige Wortham and Lieut. Ralph Hurlburt, both members of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, of Portland.

Letters reaching friends of the two heroes in Portland from Sergeant Lawson, who was in the same company, read:

"Two old Multnomah Club members have been killed in action. I helped carry 'Spec' Hurlburt and 'Lige' Wortham off the battlefield."

Before this letter arrived word had reached parents of the soldiers that they had been wounded.

Lieut. "Wee" Coyle, famous Washington football player, who captained the purple and gold gridiron team to victory under the coaching of Gil Doble several years ago, was shot in the leg while leading a charge in France.

The news was received in a letter from Willie Benson, another Washington football player, who carried Coyle off the field on a stretcher.

Lieutenant Coyle, who is a member of the Ninety first division, was not seriously wounded. It was a strange coincidence that brought these two Washington players together on the battlefield, Benson being a member of the base hospital unit which was organized at the university upon the entrance of the United States into the war.

COLUMBIA STUDENTS WILL DON GLOVES THIS WINTER

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Boxing will be taken up as a sport this winter by the students at Columbia University, and it is expected that several tournaments will be held late in the spring, though no intercollegiate bouts will be staged.

Fred Dawson, coach of the football, basketball and basketball teams, will be in charge of the boxing classes under the direction of the department of physical education.

NAVY BASKETBALL QUINT WINS FIRST GAME, 69-5

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 8.—The Naval Academy opened its basketball season with a fast five that defeated the team from Baltimore City College, 69 to 5. The victory was a surprise, as the team from the field, led by Farwell, with nine field goals; Darrington was second with eight; and Lowes third with three. Bloom scored the only goal for the visitors.

HANK GOWDY MAY RETURN LIEUTENANT IN INFANTRY

It is whispered that by the time he returns home Hank Gowdy will be sporting the bars of a lieutenant. The Braves' big backstop has been attending an officers' training school behind the lines, and, according to a returning officer who knows him, may have received his commission already.

Gowdy electrified the baseball world in July, 1917, when he quit the diamond to enlist in an Ohio guard regiment, which became a part of the famous Rainbow Division. He was later made a sergeant while overseas.

HOWARD BERRY TO RETURN TO PENN AND END COURSE

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8.—J. Howard Berry, who played with his Camp Hancock football eleven on Franklin Field yesterday, is to return to Pennsylvania next month and finish his course. He will graduate next June.

Berry will be eligible for the track and baseball teams. As a member of the track team he will compete for the pentathlon title, which he has won three times.

THEY'RE IN GERMANY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Four of the Brooklyn Dodgers are marching into Germany with the American army of occupation. They are Leon Endore, Clarence Mitchell and John Miller, pitchers, and Chuck Ward, infielder. President Elberta has received the information from overseas.

PREPS TRIM WESTERN.

Georgetown Preps defeated West End High, 14 to 9, in Ryan game, a fast game, marked by close guarding. The Preps led by 13 to 6 at half time.

STAUNTON HAS LEADING TEAM IN ALL VIRGINIA

STAUNTON, Va., Dec. 8.—With victories over Virginia Military Institute and Washington and Lee, the Staunton Military Academy claims not only the preparatory championship, but the honor of producing the best football eleven in Virginia for 1918. The campaign was the most successful in the history of the game here. Both V. M. I. and W. and L. were defeated on their own grounds, the Lexington team dropping its first game at home since football was introduced there.

When the season opened, it was most gloomy, as but three veterans were on hand. Coaches Tarr and Manning got busy, however, and soon had a hard-fighting eleven at work. As many of the old boys are returning from military service, the 1919 outlook is the best in years.

Sweaters and gold footballs have been given the letter men as State champions.

Following is the season's record: S. M. A., 20; V. M. I., 0. S. M. A., 20; W. and L., 0. S. M. A., 54; Richmond Aviators, 0. S. M. A., 69; Quantico Marines, 0. S. M. A., 27; Augusta M. A., 6. S. M. A., 69; Fishburne M. S., 0. Totals—S. M. A., 259; opponents, 6. Captain Rushing's work at left tackle stamped him the best man for the job in Virginia, while Flannery at right tackle, and Bentz, at center, outplayed all opponents.

Staunton's backfield, composed of Lyons, quarterback; Jenkins, right halfback; Houser, left halfback, and Hill, fullback, was the peer of any in the State, and probably the best quartet ever turned out at the academy.

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The "cause" was a benefit to assist the "Fighting Sixty-ninth regiment," a volunteer unit composed of those who are working for the League of Nations on Sunday in New York.

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LOOKING 'EM OVER

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

New York is very much in earnest over the question of Sunday baseball, and the outlook is considered favorable for the passage of a law allowing it during the coming summer. The bill came within an ace of passing last spring. Governor Whitman stepped in, however, and New York had to continue to resemble a hick village on the Sabbath, with the young men of the town buried in the rear rooms of various saloons instead of occupying seats at the Polo Grounds.

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NAVAL GUNNERS IN GAME WITH MEDICS

Naval Gun Factory football players will take on the Army Medical School eleven today for the second time this season. The teams appeared well matched in their first encounter, with little to choose in defensive strength.

Since that first 6-to-0 battle, the Naval Gunners have gone forward to a series of unbroken successes. Coach Milt Turner's eleven has established itself as the strongest service team in this season.

The Naval Gunners defeated the Medics, Seamen, Gunners, Camp Humphreys, and the Tenth Marines. Their wins in the Service League earned them the championship. A game with the Ballston Section eleven, of Quantico, Va., was in preparation if the Ballstonists defeated the Marines.

The Medics boast several crack players. Dunn, of Michigan, Camp's all-American selection in 1916, is piloting the Medics. Cochran, of Michigan; Hall, of Maine; Colley, of Ohio State; Wagner, of Penn., and Derricott, of Kenyon College, will be in the line-up for the Medics.

Langer, Myers, Towers, McMahon, Burns, Pose, and all of the star Naval Gunners will be fit for the battle. The game is expected to draw out a big following from the Navy Yard.

"GOOSE EGG" FOSTER WAS ROUSE ABOUT HIS ABILITY

George Foster, one of the stars of the Red Sox pitching staff up to a year ago and now under suspension for not reporting, is a cock-sure case. He isn't backward at all about telling the world that he is a great pitcher.

When the Red Sox played a team composed of Jackson, Cobb, Speaker, McInnis, Weaver, Chapman, Maranville, Walter Johnson, and Schatz for the Murnane benefit, Ruth pitched for the first five innings, and Foster the last four. At the start of the game Foster went to Ruth and said: "We want to beat these fellows, and if they don't take the lead off of you that's all we need, because they won't make a run off me. They couldn't hit me in a million years, and it all depends on you. You're the guy we've got to worry about." The stars made two hits and no runs off Ruth and no hits and no runs off Foster and were beaten, 2 to 0.

DUFFY LEWIS IS OFFERED JOB AS MANAGER ON COAST

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—If George "Duffy" Lewis can obtain his release from the world's champion Boston Red Sox, he may have the managerial berth in the Pacific Coast League in this city.

Lewis enlisted in the navy early in the war and was assigned to Mare Island navy yard, where he has since been in charge of all athletic work. He made a distinct foil in his duties and now the Coast League is after him.

CHANE YAND VALGER ARE DOWN FOR SIX SESSIONS

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8.—George Chane, the Baltimore slugger, and Benny Valger, the angular French boxer, are down for six hot rounds tomorrow night at the Olympia.

Chane is known all over the country as the "Knockout King," but he will have his troubles getting inside the guard of the Frenchman.

DELANEY'S JAVELIN WILL BE ADOPTED BY ATHLETES

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Martin Delaney, physical instructor at the C. A. A., has received word from Fred Rubien, secretary of the National A. A. U., that his improved javelin has been accepted by the governing body of amateur athletics.

Delaney's javelin has a re-enforced head with strips of steel running from the head up the shaft. This re-enforcement prevents the shaft from breaking. The javelin will be known as the Delaney javelin.

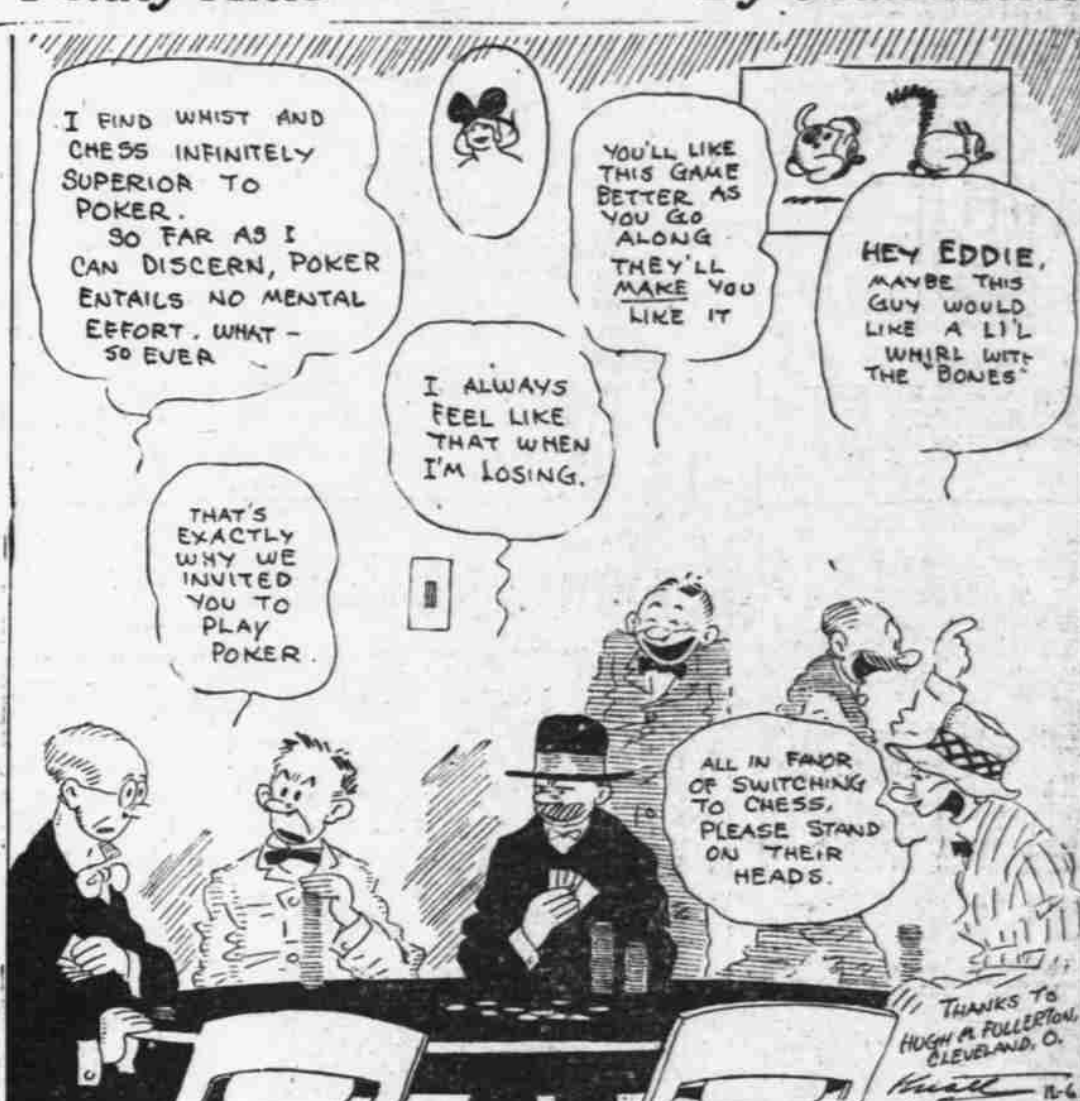
MILLER HAS THEATER.

Ward Miller, the Browns' veteran outfielder, has gone into the moving picture business in Dixon, Ill., and will play ball no more.

WILL REVIVE HENLEY.

TORONTO, Dec. 8.—The Canadian Association of Amateur Games are considering a revival of the Canadian Henley regatta for next season.

Penny Ante WITH A Highbrow. By Jean Knott



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GREENLEAF WINS TITLE FROM DIX

Camp Greenleaf's Georgia Crackers are today cantonment champions of the Eastern seaboard. A 34-to-0 victory faunts on the Fort Oglethorpe banner as Camp Dix went down and out by that count before some 2,500 soldiers, which included many Washington dignitaries at American League Park yesterday.

For once a press agent lived up to his reputation. The Crackers, quite pleased the fans with their clever interpretation of Glen Warner's Pitt formations and plays. To Captain Sutherland, McClelland, Lennahan, and Telfer, of Greenleaf, go the bulk of the honors. The Greenleaf combination was "sweet" in every sense of the football word.

At the very start of the game it was apparent that Camp Dix was outwitted. During the battle they were frequently outguessed, and on line plunges were invariably outplayed. Greenleaf was too staunch in every department of the game, which spelled victory for every rush.

Lennahan Scores.

Greenleaf received and after four line plays, which netted two first downs, Lennahan, one of "Hurricane" Yost's proteges, slipped around right end for a touchdown after receiving a double pass from McClelland. Sutherland kicked goal. Shortly after, on a series of line plays, Greenleaf went down the field for goodly gains, led King, formerly of Washington State, slipped around the end on a double pass for another touchdown.

McClelland, who, by the way, was quarter on the Pitt team two years ago, bucked his way across for another touchdown in the third quarter.

Dix offered a sturdy resistance on the third quarter, but after the ball had been worked up field on an exchange of punts and two line smashes, the Telfer received a forward pass from Lennahan and shook off two tacklers for a touchdown.

Topham scored the final touchdown for the Greenleaf lads on line plunges toward the opening of the third quarter. The Dix team failed to gain consistently, and was guilty of fumbling. Greenleaf pummeled away at the Dix line until it finally crumpled. Van Dyne almost alone standing the gaff of the fast charging Greenleaf forwards.

Were Well Beliked.

The Southerners were by far the best drilled players that have appeared here this season. Their team play was precision itself, and the handling of double passes was exceptional. Runs from kick formation rarely failed to gain, distances varying from ten to eighteen yards with every player in the interference.

Dix failed to gain consistently, although good yard gains were made on occasions. The Greenleaf men were never in danger, as Dix failed to advance the ball within the 30-yard line at any stage of the contest.

Worrying Over Eddie.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Some doubts are expressed here about the return of Eddie Collins to the White Sox. He is now serving in France with the marines. When he enlisted he said he was through with baseball, and South Side rooters fear he may keep his word.

SPECIAL SALE

Gentlemen's Diamond Rings.

\$25 up to \$5,000 Quality Jewelry Co., 438 9th St. N. W.

TEN YEARS AGO IN SPORTS

Korty Church, who was making a great record in athletics at Yale, visited town. Church has been across with the Marines as regimental adjutant and was in the attack at Chateau-Thierry.

President Navin, of Detroit, declared he had not purchased George Moriarty, of New York, although he admitted having received a check for Ira Thomas, who years ago, was Philadelphia American.

"Phil" McGovern, brother of the famous Terrible Terry, proved to be a tough customer in winning a draw with Young Pierce, of Germantown.

Martin Delaney, director of the Kansas City A. C., resigned to take up his duties with the Chicago Athletic Association.

The Potomac Boat Club made a strong bid to have the national regatta held here in 1909. In 1881 and 1891 the national event was held on the Potomac.

"Hurricane" Yost, who created a sensation when he took hold of Michigan's football machine several years ago, wants to take a crack at coaching baseball.

Jimmy Ryan, former Washington baseball player, was recommended as manager of the Brooklyn Nationals.

August Herrmann made a heated reply to C. W. Murphy, who said that the National Commission had no right to investigate the ticket scandal in Chicago.

LEAGUE ISLANDERS TRIM BERRY'S TEAM

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8.—In the best and closest football game of the season the strong Camp Hancock army team led by Lieut. J. Howard Berry, the former Penn hero, went down to defeat at the hands of By Dickinson's powerful League Island navy yard team at Franklin Field here, 13 to 6.

Berry broke into the game near its close and despite an injured ankle, put his men back into the fight, but they could not stop the sailors.

MIKE O'DOWD ON WAY BACK WITH ENGINEER REGIMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Mike O'Dowd, world's middleweight champion, is on his way home and expects to be in this country before Christmas. O'Dowd has been serving with an engineer regiment in France and he has written to his manager, Paddy Mullins, that he is in excellent physical condition and anxious to get back into the ring.

EXPECT A MILLION FROM SPORT ALONE

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Reports from all sources which contributed to the sport drive as part of the United War Work campaign are not all in, but an approximate idea may be had of what was done in and about New York.

The reports of the two amateur billiard organizations show that the proceeds therefrom in round numbers were \$38,000.

The estimated receipts, which will hit it very closely, from football at the Polo Grounds are \$3,200, and from the game at Ebbets Field \$3,500.

The boxing tournament in the Garden brought in \$23,000. This show was a success, whereas the wrestling in the same amphitheater was not, and contributed only \$600. However, every bit helped.

Bowling hereabout has raised \$5,000 so far, and the reports from that sport are incomplete.

Ice skating raised \$1,000, and the various golf contests of the metropolitan district will, it is believed, bring in \$30,000.

Here, then, is a total of \$100,000, a sum from just a small corner of the country. The two amateur billiard organizations brought in \$7,000, and sport's bit from the whole country may well reach \$1,000,000.

SCOTT HIGH ELEVEN WINS TITLE FROM MARBLEHEAD

MARBLEHEAD, Mass., Dec. 8.—In a one-sided game, Scott High School, of Toledo, completely smothered Marblehead High by defeating the local boys, 19 to 0, in their inter-sectional game.

Moses, of Scott High, was the hero of the game, scoring two touchdowns, one in the second quarter and one in the fourth quarter.

In the second half the playing was more even, but Scott overwhelmed the Marblehead boys in the last few minutes of play.

The game attracted great interest and fully 10,000 fans attended.

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